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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF NPT AND RELATED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 849

1. NPT AND RELATED EC-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT PASSED BELGIAN
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES NOV 28 BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF DEPUTIES
PRESENT (180#OUT OF 212). NPT AND RELATED AGREEMENT
WERE THEN TRANSMITTEED TO SENATE WHERE ACTION IS PENDING.
SENATE VOTE, WHICH EXPECTED TO BE SIMILAR TO LOWER
HOUSE'S, IS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE, UNLESS MORE
CONTENTIOUS DOMESTIC MATTERS CAUSE DELAY. AFTER SENATE
PASSGE, KING MUST SIGN, THEN NPT AND SAFEGURARDS AGREEMENT
RATIFICATINS MUST BE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL MONITOR. TEN
DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION REATIFICATINS WILL BECOME LAW.

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2. FOREIGN OFFICE (DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, KONINCKX) TOLD
US JAN 3 THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RPT NOT
DEPOSIT NPT AND SAFEGUARDS RATIFICATINS WHEN NATIONAL
ACTION IS COMPLETED PER PROCEDURE SUMMARIZED IN PARA 1.
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO ACT IN CONCERT WITH OTHER
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ITALY, AND PLANS TO DELAY
DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS UNTIL OTHERS ALSO READY TO DO
SO. BELGIUM WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO TAKE NECESSARY
NATIONAL ACTION, BUT DOES NOT EXPECT SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT
ON MATTER UNTIL MAY 1975 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. THEREFORE,
WE DO NOT EXPECT BELGIAN DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS UNTIL
MAY AT EARLIEST AND POSSIBLY NOT EVEN THEN, DEPENDING
ON ACTION TAKEN BY OTHERS ELSEWHERE. FIRESTONE

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